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To: FRAN ☒ WIES ☐

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1. PER ☐ ☒ REQUEST FOLLOWING THUMBNAIL SKETCHES (PARAS 2, 3 AND 4) SHOULD BE PASSED TO COL ROGERS TODAY BY WIES IN CONNECTION WITH TOMORROW'S MEETING. PARA 5 IS FOR ☐ ☒ INFO ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE PASSED TO COL ROGERS BY WIES.

2. GEN REINHARD GEHLEN, PRESENT CHIEF AND ORGANIZER WEST GERMAN FEDERAL INTEL SERVICE (BND) IS PROFESSIONAL ARMY OFFICER SERVING IN SENIOR CAPACITY IN INTEL SINCE 42. COMMISSIONED 23 AS ARTILLERY LT. GRADUATED WITH FIRST CLASS AT WAR ACADEMY BERLIN IN 35 AND ASSIGNED GERMAN GENERAL STAFF. SERVED POLISH CAMPAIGN AS MAJOR. SHORTLY AFTER BEGINNING RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN, GEHLEN ASSIGNED AS CHIEF FREMDE HEERE OST OKH. INTERNECINE STRUGGLE BETWEEN ABWEHR AND RSHA CREATED NECESSITY FOR FREMDE HEERE OST TO SHIFT FROM EVALUATIONS TYPE UNIT TO UNIT ENGAGED IN COLLECTION. WITH DISINTEGRATION GERMAN POSITION IN EAST, GEHLEN ORDERED FILES EVACUATED TO REAR AREAS AND FINALLY CACHED IN BAVARIAN ALPS. SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS ORIENTED AND PLANS FOR REACTIVATION MADE. AT APPROPRIATE MOMENT AFTER GERMAN SURRENDER, GEHLEN ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF U.S. INTEL AND FINALLY INVITED TO U.S. SUMMER 45. UNOFFICIAL GEHLEN ORG ESTABLISHED IN FRANKFURT AFTER GEHLEN'S RETURN BUT EVENTUALLY MOVED TO PULLACH. BASICALLY

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ORG WAS HELD IN TRUST BY U.S. UNTIL WEST GERMAN GOVT COULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY OVER. THIS EVENT OCCURRED APRIL 56 WHEN ORG LEGALIZED AS BND WITH GEHLEN AS CHIEF. CORRECT CURRENT TITLE IS: PRAESIDENT DES BUNDESNACHRICHTENDIENSTES, GEN MAJOR, A.D.

3. COL WERNER BOIE, PRESENT CHIEF WEST GERMAN AIR FORCE INTEL AND FORMER LUFTWAFFE MAJOR. SERVED GERMAN ARMED FORCES 1936 TO 45, FIRST IN ARTILLERY AND THEN AS A COMBAT PILOT RUSSIAN FRONT AND FINALLY ON STAFF OF FREMDE HEERE OST FOR AIR INTEL. BRIT PW. REJOINED GEHLEN ORG 47, SERVED AS CHIEF, EVALUATION SECTION FOR AIR INTEL UNTIL HE REENTERED WEST GERMAN AIR FORCE IN 55. SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND SOME FRENCH. FRIENDLY DISPOSITION AND DEMOCRATIC TOLERANT ATTITUDES. RELEASED BY GEHLEN TO TAKE PRESENT JOB AT REQUEST OF THEN DEF MIN BLANK. STILL ON FRIENDLY TERMS WITH BND AND IN FACT IS NOMINAL CHIEF OF BND AIR EVALUATIONS.

4. ALBERT PRAUN, FORMER LT GEN AND COMMANDING GEN OF GERMAN ARMY SIGNAL CORPS. ENTERED GERMAN ARMY 1913 AND MAINTAINED CONTINUOUS SERVICE TIL 45. HOLDS RITTER KREUZ DECORATION. COMMANDED INFANTRY DIVISION 42. JOINED BND LATE SUMMER 56 AS CHIEF, COMMO DIV. REPLACED FORMER CHIEF, COMMO DIV, BND, WHO CURRENTLY COMMANDING GENERAL GERMAN ARMY SIG CORPS, BRIG GEN HEF1. BETWEEN 51-56 PRAUN ENGAGED IN MIL PLANNING FOR SIG CORPS NEW WEST GERMAN ARMY. SPEAKS NO ENGLISH.

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IS TAKING BERLITZ COURSES.

POSSIBLY UNDERSTANDS SOME. / APPARENTLY CONGENIAL BUT HANDICAPPED BECAUSE HARD
OF HEARING. IS CONSIDERED VERY HIGHLY BY FORMER GEN STAFF OFFICERS, AS "GRAND-
DADDY" GERMAN SIG CORPS. AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER HAD LEADING GERMAN MILITARY
FIGURES UNDER HIS INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDING HEPP, GEHLEN, AND POSSIBLY KAMMHUBER.

5. FOR []: RE LINE TO BE TAKEN BY ROGERS AS DISCUSSED WITH ME. GEHLEN
HAS NO OBJECTION. TOLD HIM WE COULD ADVISE ROGERS NOT DO SO IF GEHLEN PREFERRED
BUT HE FEELS THIS WILL FIT IN NICELY WITH HIS PRESENCE AT MEETING AND WILL
HANDLE IT IN MANNER AIMED AT EFFECTING PROPER COORDINATION AND PREVENTING UN-
NECESSARY FRICTION. WE SHALL SEE. INCIDENTALLY VIS-A-VIS OUR (KUBARK) AND OUR
JOINT (KUBARK-BND) ROLE AT MEETING CONCURS IN FOUR POINTS YOU AND I DISCUSSED.

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